



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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**MHCC 10-001
DATA COLLECTION SUPPORT AND ANALYTIC REPORT
DEVELOPMENT**

ADDENDUM #2

QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In light of statements made at bidders' conference on contract start date, please provide a revised timeline for transition should a new vendor be selected, specifically when would the transition begin and when would MHCC expect that it be completed?

Answer: *If a transition is necessary, MHCC expects that a number of meetings would be required among MHCC, the current contractor, and the successor contractor to plan and coordinate the transition. From our experience the actual transition would require no more than 4 weeks to move the processing capability. If the contract begins about September 1, MHCC expects work to be complete by October 1, 2009.*

As was noted in the meeting, MHCC already holds all versions of the private payer MCDB. MHCC will make the needed claim data available from our source data bases. A number of Medicare claim files (HHA, outpatient, MedPAR, Physician Supplier) are held by the current vendor and these files will need to be transferred. All source code would need to be transferred as well as a significant amount of documentation.

Can you clarify the statement made at the bidders' conference in connection with the question on electronic submission of data from insurers, specifically are any insurers submitting on a format other than electronic?

Answer: *Carefirst and several of other carriers will submit claims electronically beginning in 2009. MHCC has established its own Secure FTP site to support the transmission. We would expect that data will be downloaded from that site by the successful vendor for editing. Many of the smaller payers will not be submitting electronically in 2009. These payers will continue to submit on DLT (various implementations) and DVD/CD in 2009.*

With respect to new requirements to collect eligibility information from insurers, will the MHCC need to issue new rules to require compliance?

Answer: MHCC expects to update COMAR 10.25.06 to reflect the new submission requirements in the fall of 2009, after the four major payers have submitted hospital claims and after a contract has been awarded under this procurement. The regulations would codify the submission of: (a) institutional data (claims from hospitals, nursing homes, and other sub-acute facilities) and (b) enrollment information from plans for their medical and pharmacy benefits.

With respect to existing data submissions, can you be more specific on where you expect the “efficiencies” in data collection to be derived from, for example electronic submissions?

Answer: MHCC believes that a vendor should have recommendations on possible efficiencies and approaches they would use in the future. We have previously stated our intention to accept electronic submissions; payers will have the option of submitting electronically in 2009. We expect to require electronic submission in the second year of the contract after consulting with the successful vendor. We anticipate that in the future submission could be edited in the course of electronic acceptance. MHCC expects vendors to take advantage of expertise, capacities, and software they have acquired or developed in conducting similar work for the federal government, states agencies, or private clients.

As described in Appendix E – Contents of Reading Room, this material may be accessed using the following link: http://mhcc.maryland.gov/payercompliance/mcdb_reading_room/index.html

As a reminder of the Proposal/Contract MBE Submission Requirements:

If an offeror fails to submit properly completed MBE Attachment A with the Technical Proposal and MBE Attachment B with the Financial Proposal at the time of submittal of the offer as required, the Procurement Officer will deem the offer not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award of contract.

Proposal Submission Due Date: June 19, 2009 @ 4:00 P.M.

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